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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Claims Nos.: 15 in part

Present claim 15 relates to a polypeptide defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely its binding to the polypeptide(s) of present application.

The claim covers all polypeptides having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such polypeptides.

In fact, present application describes only the binding of the polypeptides disclosed to the SYK kinase (pages 4-5 and figure 7). Moreover on pages 43-48, present application refers to antibodies against the polypeptides of the invention. No other polypeptide having the above mentioned characteristic or property is defined in present application.

In the present case, the claim so lacks support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define a polypeptide by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the SYK kinase and to antibodies against the polypeptides of present application, as defined on pages 4-5 and 43-48 of present application.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
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RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. et al

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

AU,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

CA,EP,JP

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3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 29 March 2001 (29.03.01) under No. WO 01/21654

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

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Applicant RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☒ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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☒ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☒ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

SYK KINASE-ASSOCIATED CELL CYCLE PROTEINS, COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G01N1/00 G01N30/24 G01N1/34

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N B01D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
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- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- * & * document member of the same patent family

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FP68412-1RMS	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US00/26338	International filing date (day/month/year) 25/09/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 24/09/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C07K14/00		
Applicant RIGEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 20/04/2001	Date of completion of this report 08.01.2002
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US00/26338

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-51 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-23 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/8-8/8 as originally filed

Sequence listing part of the description, pages:

1-17, filed with the letter of 06.04.01

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☒ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☒ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☒ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☒ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application.
☒ claims Nos. 1,2,18-23 (all completely), 6-11,15 (all partially).

because:

- ☐ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):
- ☒ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. 1,2,18-23 (all completely), 6-11 (all partially) are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
see separate sheet
- ☒ the claims, or said claims Nos. 1,2,18-23 (all completely), 6-11 (all partially) are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☒ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 15 (partially).
2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:
- ☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
- ☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	3,5,14
	No:	Claims	4,6-13,15-17
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	3,5,14
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	3-17
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations **see separate sheet**

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. No meaningful opinion could be formed on claims 1, 2, 18-23 (all completely) and claims 6-11 (all partially) since these claims lack clarity and support by the description.

The term "cell cycle protein" used throughout the claims is vague and unclear in the context of the present application. It is not clear which activity the protein should have and which test should be employed to determine this activity. It is thus impossible for the skilled reader to determine without undue burden of experimentation whether or not a given protein is encompassed by said term. A meaningful opinion could only be formed on those claims which define the nucleic acids or proteins in question by clear technical features.

Claim 18 is completely unclear since "the biological function" of "said cell cycle protein" is not disclosed in the application. Claim 1 referring to hybridization is also not considered to be clear, firstly since the nature of the hybridization conditions depends on the circumstances, and secondly since the claim encompasses short portions or fragments (see the description, pages 8-9).

Consequently, only claims 3-5, 12-14, 16 and 17 (all completely) and claims 6-11 when referring back to these claims have been subject to examination.

The claims furthermore lack support by the description since the application does not demonstrate that the protein having the amino acid sequence of Figure 2 or 4 plays a role of in the cell cycle.

Claim 14 could only be examined to the extent to which it has been searched (see the International Search Report).

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

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2. The following documents are cited:

D1: WO 99 46289 A

D4: WO 94 25565 A

D6: GENOMICS, vol. 62, no. 3, 15 December 1999, pages 395-405

3. The current assessment is based on the assumption that all claims enjoy priority rights from the filing date of the priority document. If it later turns out that this is not correct, the document D6 cited in the international search report would become relevant.
4. The present application does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(1)(2) PCT because the subject-matter of claims 4, 6-13 and 15-17 is not new.

The document D1 discloses a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:130 which is 99% identical to SEQ ID NO:3 of the present application. Also disclosed are DNAs encoding said protein, vectors and antibodies. The document is thus prejudicial to the novelty of claims 4, 6-13 and 15-17. Claim 15 also lacks novelty over D4 which discloses the SYK protein. The cells of claim 7 furthermore lack novelty since they are not clearly distinguished over known mammalian cells. The term "recombinant" is not suitable to distinguish the claimed cells over the prior art.

5. Claims 3, 5 and 14 relating to nucleic acids/polypeptides having the specific sequences disclosed in the present application are considered to lack on inventive step, since it would have been obvious to obtain these sequences in view of D1. Moreover, the application provides no **evidence** of the biological role of the disclosed polypeptide. Consequently, the invention of the present application is considered merely to be the provision of a transcribed sequence ("a DNA") with no known technical useful property. In this case, **any** prior art compound (e.g. DNA or protein) is equally suitable as the starting point for making structural modifications and may be considered as the "closest prior art". Starting from this point, the only technical problem which may be derived is the provision of a further compound as such, regardless of its useful properties. Without the concomitant need to provide any particular technical effect, the skilled

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person would have had the choice of an infinite number of equally possible solutions. An arbitrary selection from this host of possible solutions cannot involve an inventive step because, in order to be inventive, the selection must not be arbitrary but must be justified by the technical purpose, i.e. by a hitherto unknown or unexpected technical effect which is caused by those structural features distinguishing the claimed compound from the numerous other ones. Therefore, no inventive step can be acknowledged.

Re Item VI

Certain documents cited

6. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

Application No Patent No	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO 00/78934	28.12.00	22.06.00	22.06.99 03.04.00
WO 00/79267	28.12.00	22.06.00	22.06.99 03.04.00

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

7. The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT because the claims do not clearly define the matter for which protection is sought, see point 1 above.

Moreover, the requirements of Articles 5 and 6 PCT are not fulfilled since the scope of the claims is not justified by the technical contribution which the application makes over the prior art.